

Abstract

An airbag apparatus includes an airbag module and at least one covering device, behind which, in a closing position, an airbag expanding by gas inflation is accommodated and which, to release the expanding airbag, can be moved out of the closing position into an open position by using a mechanism.

The mechanism contains a first mechanism component, which is coupled firmly to the airbag module, and a second mechanism component, which is coupled firmly to the covering device. The airbag module forms, together with the first mechanism

component, a unit ready for installation. A mounting method and an operating method for such an airbag apparatus are also provided.

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